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WE HAVE PREPARED FOLLOWING FOR USE WITH PRESS HERE. NO
NOON PRESS BRIEFING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18:

Q: HAS A DATE BEEN SET FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO INDIA?

A: I'M NOT AWARE THAT A FIRM SCHEDULE HAS YET BEEN
DEVELOPED.

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Q: WILL HE BE VISITING OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA?

A: I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY PLANS AT THE MOMENT TO DO SO, ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE AREA HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY.

Q: IS THE US TO PROVIDE AID TO INDIA? HAVE TALKS ON THIS SUBJECT BEGUN? HOW MUCH AID DO WE PLAN TO PROVIDE?

A: WE HAD SOME MONTHS AGO INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS THE BASIS FOR A POSSIBLE NEW AID PROGRAM WITH INDIA. WE HAD ALSO INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS OTHER AREAS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION, INCLUDING TRADE AND INVESTMENT AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. WE SEE SUCH TALKS

AS STEPS TOWARD BUILDING THE MORE MATURE AND IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA, AS SET FORTH IN THE PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT OF 1973.

WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN FEBRUARY OF AN AGREEMENT ON OUR RUPEE HOLDINGS, WE BELIEVE TALKS ON THESE SUBJECTS COULD USEFULLY BEGIN. WE EXPECT THESE TALKS TO BEGIN SOON IN DELHI.

Q: WHAT ABOUT DEBT RESCHEDULING?

A: NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ON THIS. WE HAVE THE MATTER UNDER TUDY. KISSINGER

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